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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A POLYNOMIAL
BASED VIRTUAL AGE ESTIMATION FOR REMAINING
LIFETIME PREDICTION OF A SYSTEM**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2005, please reconsider this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.